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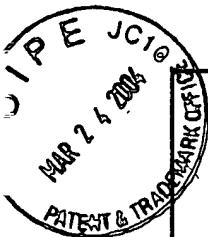


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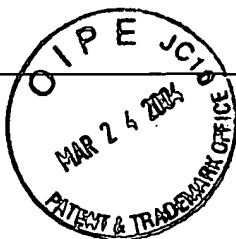
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	Examiner Name	L. Alexander
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Sir:

This in response to the Interview Summary and Restriction Requirement that accompanied a Notice of Allowance, which issued on February 25, 2004 in the above-captioned case. The Interview Summary set a one-month date from the date of the Notice of Allowance for filing a statement of the substance of the interview, making this Interview Summary due on or before March 25, 2004. Accordingly, this Response to Interview Summary and Restriction Requirement is timely filed.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On February 18, 2004, an examiner-initiated telephonic interview took place, which interview was attended by Examiner Alexander and the undersigned. Applicant concurs with the Examiner's summary of the substance of the interview, and thanks the Examiner for his time and consideration.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-20 and 33-53, drawn to an electrochemical cell and method of use having a first planar electrode positioned substantially traverse to at least one skin piercing member; and

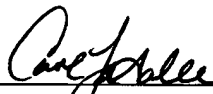
Group II: Claims 54, drawn to a device having first and second porous electrodes.

Applicants hereby confirm the provisional election made during the interview of Group

I. Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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